

or any fine, civil and criminal, forfeited bail bond, penalty, or forfeiture incurred, or if the forfeiture is remitted, the monetary penalty recovered for remission of the forfeiture, to a maximum of \$250,000. The amount of the award paid to informants shall not exceed \$250,000, regardless of the number of recoveries that result from the information furnished.

(b) *Administrative Limit.* No claim of less than \$100 will be paid.

#### **§ 161.14 Advising informant of entitlement.**

Any Customs officer who receives information shall advise the informant that, in the event of a recovery, he may be entitled to compensation. He shall also advise the informant that, if the informant has executed a stipulation to that effect, any amount received by the informant in the form of purchase of evidence or purchase of information will be deducted from any compensation which may be awarded.

#### **§ 161.15 Confidentiality for informant.**

The name and address of the informant shall be kept confidential. No files or information shall be revealed which might aid in the unauthorized identification of an informant. Release of information is governed by §§ 103.12(g)(4) and 103.12(i) of this chapter.

#### **§ 161.16 Filing of claim.**

A claim shall be filed, in duplicate, on Customs Form 4623 with the port director. The port director shall make a recommendation with regard to approval on the Customs Form 4623 and forward it, with a recommendation as to the amount of the award, to Customs Headquarters. If for any reason a claim has not been transmitted by the port director, the informant may apply directly to Customs Headquarters.

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